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Received Message Of Sympathy Direct From King George VI

Mrs. Anna Juhlke received a message of sympathy direct from King George VI at Buckingham Palace last week in respect of her husband who lost his life in the Dieppe raid. The message read as follows: The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow.

We pray that your Country's gratitude for a life so nobly given in its service may bring you some measure of consolation.

George R. I.



CANADIAN WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS
"The Women's Chartered Service"

Edmonton, Feb. 16 — A move to close all Alberta schools from August 15th until October 15th so that thousands of students would be available for harvest operations in 1943, was said to be under discussion at a farm Labor conference in the parliament building.

If the plan is adopted by the government, schools will remain open until August 15 instead of closing June 28 as formerly and will then remain closed until after the peak of a normal harvest season on October 15.

It is understood that officials of the provincial department of education, the Alberta teachers' association, and farm groups have a plan under discussion and some definite decision is expected shortly.

Calgary Herald

Scientists Develop Glycerine Substitute

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13 (AP) — Scientists in the U. S. Department of Agriculture's regional experiment station here started out here a year ago to develop a substitute for common table sugar.

They failed — but instead they developed a solution which will free millions of pounds of glycerine annually for use in the manufacture of bombs and other explosives.

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NATIONAL SELECTIVE SERVICE

Complete Utilization of Canada's Manpower and Womanpower is Essential to Victory

National Selective Service Civilian Regulations aim at complete utilization of manpower and womanpower. Workers and employers are urged to assist the war effort by carrying them out. All civilian regulations have been consolidated and revised, main features now being as follows:—

COVERAGE

Employees: Regulations cover persons of 18 years from 16 to 64 years old, except— medical employees; armed services; and those in fishing, fish processing, hunting, trapping, hunting, nursing, school teachers; domestic workers; students working after school; employment in respect of part-time employment; and those employed for 3 days or less in a calendar week. Agricultural workers are covered by special provisions, not by the general provisions or also are "technical personnel."

Employers: Any person, firm or other employer, with one or more "covered" employees.

EMPLOYERS MUST—

- Refrain from discussing employment with prospective employee unless under permit;
- notify the nearest employment office of additional employees needed; (c) secure permission from an employment office to advertise for employees; (d) notify the employment office of intention to discharge or lay off employees, or to retain employees when not required; (e) give employees 7 days' notice unless a Selective Service Officer permits a reduction, or unless in the building construction industry; (7 days' notice is not required unless an employee has already been employed for one month, or after fire, explosion or other calamity, or on termination of work by weather. Whether preceded by 7 days' notice or not, separation from employment requires written notice).

EMPLOYEES MUST—

- Register for work at the nearest employment office if out of work 7 days (full-time students, housewives and clergy are not included); (b) secure permit from a Selective Service Officer if going to look for work; (c) refrain from advertising for a job unless Selective Service Officer approves; (d) give 7 days' notice if wishing to quit a job, unless authorized by Selective Service Officer to give less notice

(separation form, but not 7 days' notice required if in building construction or joining the forces).

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

are covered by special provisions. Persons regarded as "workers in agriculture" may accept employment outside that industry to a maximum of 60 days within a calendar year without permit, but only outside urban municipalities of over 5,000 population; otherwise, agricultural workers must secure a Selective Service Permit.

TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

may only accept employment under special permit.

LABOUR EXIT PERMITS

are required to work outside Canada.

PENALTIES AND APPEALS

Penalties are provided for non-compliance with Regulations or orders issued thereunder. Appeals against directions may be made to a Court of Referees.

NATIONAL SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO—

- Give persons unemployed for 7 days, or an part-time for 14 days, direction to accept work; (b) exercise discretion in issuing permits to seek work; (c) authorize employed persons to transfer to more essential work, and subsequently to be re-instated in original employment; (d) reduce the 7 days' notice period consistent with Regulations.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR IS AUTHORIZED TO—

- require a person in an age class subject to military call-up to accept employment; (b) require employers to release male persons failing to furnish evidence of not contravening military call-up; (c) authorize payment of transportation and special allowances in some cases; (d) authorize anyone to leave employment to take more essential work.

The foregoing is not an exact or complete reproduction of National Selective Service Civilian Regulations. For information or rulings apply to nearest Employment and Selective Service Offices.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

HUMPHREY MITCHELL
Minister of Labour

OTTAWA, JANUARY 16, 1943

A. MACNAMARA
Director of National Selective Service
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Canada Fights Inflation

WHILE INCREASED taxes and restriction of the supply of civilian goods have brought inevitable economic aspects of the war, the people of Canada, who have so far avoided inflation, an evil that in the past has always accompanied a war. Inflation involves a series of rapid rises in prices and wages which ultimately results in economic chaos. Through increased taxation, restriction of production of civilian goods, and control of prices and wages, inflation has been prevented from affecting us here. However, as the amount of goods available to the civilian population becomes more and more scarce there is a strong tendency for prices to rise and great pressure is brought to bear against the price ceiling. It is in the interest of all of us at this time to endeavor to keep our wartime economic system as stable as possible and to condemn any practices which may lead to inflation.

Cost Of Living Increase Small

The cost of living in Canada has risen very slightly considering the fact that we are at war. Mr. J. A. McLeod, president of the Bank of Nova Scotia, gave some interesting figures regarding living costs, at the recent annual meeting of the shareholders of the bank. These included the facts that between November 1, 1941, which was the "high point" prior to the imposition of the price ceiling, to December 1, 1942, the rise in the cost of living was only a little more than 2%. In the United States during the same period, the rise was nearly 10%, and in the corresponding time during the last year the rise in the cost of living in Canada was 20%. More recent figures reveal that in January of this year there was a slight decrease in the cost of living index, due largely to the reduction in price of certain staple foods in December.

Further Price Control Likely

Although heavy taxation, and restriction of civilian buying causes personal inconvenience to many, this is infinitely preferable to the economic upheaval caused by inflation. Hon. J. L. Iley, Minister of Finance, in a recent address before the Ontario Federation of Agriculture made this clear from the point of view of the farmer. While agriculture might benefit for a while, if the prices of farm products were allowed to rise, the minister said, the prices of goods which farmers must buy would also rise, perhaps even more rapidly, and the farmers would suffer greatly in the ultimate economic collapse. If our present financial stability is to be maintained we are told that we must expect to have further restrictions placed on civilian purchasing power. This is not an altogether pleasant outlook, but it is all part of the determination of the people of Canada to put all our available resources into the winning of the war, and to have a firm basis on which to rebuild after victory is achieved.



HEALTH LEAGUE OF CANADA OATMEAL IN A NEW ROLE

War-time shortages and restrictions have led to give oatmeal the place it really deserves in the Canadian diet. This humble cereal is always highly recommended by nutritionists for its valuable content of iron and the B vitamins. There is and will be no shortage of oatmeal in this country and it should become a staple food in every Canadian home. It can be used in many ways and should not be thought of solely as a breakfast cereal. Oatmeal porridge every day might not be regarded with favour. Why not try an oatmeal pudding on one of your meatless days? It is delicious, nourishing and has good "staying" qualities.

Here is a recipe that is easy to make. Children and grown-ups both will like it.

SIMPLE FRUIT PUDDING

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| 1 cup quick cooking oats | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1 cup raisins or currants | 1 tsp. cinnamon |
| 2 tbsps. brown sugar or honey | 1/4 tsp. nutmeg, cloves and |
| 1 cup buttermilk or thick milk | pastry spices |
| 1 tsp. of baking soda | 1/2 tsp. of vanilla |

To make thick milk (if you can't get buttermilk), put 1 teaspoonful of vinegar in 1 cup of whole milk and let it sit in a warm place until it sours and thickens.

Method—1. Dissolve the soda in the sour milk.

- Mix all the other ingredients together in the top of a double boiler. If you can't get raisins or currants use peel.
- Add the milk to the mixture and stir until smooth.
- Cook over boiling water for one hour. Serve with cream or sauce. This will serve 4 to 6 people.

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MISSIONARIES KILLED

Three Australian Church of England missionaries have been killed and five of the missionary staff taken prisoner in Japanese raids on Papua, New Guinea, the Church of England in Canada has announced.

The first British raid on Dieppe was in 1320 in the Plantagenet war with France.

BACKACHE? Look out for Trouble With Your KIDNEYS

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LAC. D. A. McDonald, Humboldt, Sask.; LAC. J. D. Bonnie, Ashby, Sask.

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Sgt. R. T. Wilson, Lethbridge, Sask.; Sgt. T. J. Wilson, McCreary, Man.

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Farm Butter

Butter Rationing Regulations For Home Producers Outlined

Inquiries are pouring into Ottawa from the rural districts where people who make their own butter are apparently not clear as to what they are expected to do under the butter rationing order.

Answers to the six main points of the rationing as it applies to the Canadian rural population are given by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board as follows:

- (1) All butter producers should have registered with the local rationing board before January 31st, whether butter is made on the farm to be sold or not.
- (2) The local ration board should receive enough of the brown coupons, from one to nine, to cover the amounts of butter on hand according to the number of people in the household.
- (3) When these coupons are turned in, they should be accompanied by a statement as to the amount of butter on hand. The new rate of consumption per person is one pound for every three weeks.
- (4) If butter is made and sold to consumers, coupons must be collected from the customers to cover their purchases at the proper rate.
- (5) If butter is made and traded in at a neighborhood store, or sold to the storekeeper for cash, the proper amount of coupons or the proper documents to cover these purchases must be collected from the storekeeper.
- (6) The coupons collected from the storekeeper, together with the coupons from the household must be turned in to the local ration board at the end of each month.

Here is one very important point to be remembered. If butter is made on the farm, the butter coupons from the family's ration books cannot be used to buy butter anywhere else. Household needs must be supplied from the butter made on the farm.

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SWINE DISEASES

Common Mange Caused By A Parasite

Diarrhoea Or Scours

This is the second of a series of six articles by J. L. Miller, D.V.M., provincial veterinarian, Regina, dealing with the most prevalent swine diseases. The remaining articles will appear weekly in the following order: Scouring; Erysipelas; Worms; Anemia; The Young Pig; and the Diseases of the Pig.

Scouring or common mange of hogs is a contagious disease caused by a small almost invisible parasite known as a mange mite. These mites live in the skin of infested swine, and when mange is once established in a herd it spreads rapidly and is the cause of heavy losses to swine producers.

Mange is quite prevalent in parts of the United States and not uncommon in this province. Swine suffering from mange are unthrifty, lack vitality and are very susceptible to other outbreaks of disease.

The mange mites spend their entire life on the host animal. They burrow in the deep layers of the skin, and, unlike lice, are not found on the surface of the body. The mites penetrate through the outer layers of the skin, and excavate burrows where their eggs are laid. These eggs hatch in from three to ten days and the young require maturity in from ten to twelve days, when they begin to lay eggs.

Symptoms: Scouring mites of hogs may start on any part of the body, but in the early stages the disease usually makes its appearance on the head, around the eyes, nose or ears. From these parts it spreads over the neck and shoulders and along the back and around the burrows where the entire body.

In the early stages small pimples are noticed covered by a small crust or scab. As the mites increase in number larger areas become involved.

The hair stands erect and finally the crust or scab is rubbed off. The affected areas of skin now take on a dry scurfy or leather-like appearance.

When the mange mites are on the surface of the skin they may be noticed. Intense itching causes the animal to rub and scratch, and the affected parts often become raw and sore. An offensive odor is frequently noticed in old chronic cases.

Diagnosis: Mange can be confirmed by scraping the affected area with a dull knife until the blood flows, and the scrapings are sent to a laboratory for examination for the presence of mange mites.

Mange is more common and spreads more rapidly during the winter months when hogs are closely confined. It is spread chiefly by direct contact with infected animals. Pigs, however, may contract the disease when they are placed in houses or pens previously occupied by infected swine.

Treatment: The treatments for mange have been many and varied. The cheapest and most effective treatment is the application of crude petroleum. Used crank case oil is a good substitute. Where this oil is found to be too heavy for easy application it can be thinned down by the addition of kerosene or distillate, one gallon to ten of crank case oil.

The most effective method of applying oil is by dipping, but hand applications when carried out thoroughly, are effective. All parts of the body, including the head and ears must be covered. All hogs in the herd should be treated. The following treatment is also recommended for mange.

Sulphur—1 lb., oil of tar, eight ounces, raw linseed oil—one gallon. This mixture is heated and applied warm. Pigs should be well washed with soap and warm water to remove as much of the scale as possible.

When dry apply the mixture with a stiff brush, leave for ten days, wash off and repeat the treatment.

Treatment for mange should be repeated every ten days until the cure is effective.

While mange is chiefly transmitted by contact with infected animals it is always wise to cleanse and disinfect any premises which have been occupied by mangy swine. The coal tar cresote dips, diluted according to instructions on the container, are suitable for this purpose.

DIARRHOEA, OR SCOURS

Diarrhoea or scours affecting pigs from one to four weeks old is very common and is responsible for heavy losses in sucking pigs.

There are two types of scours, one which is due to a faulty diet, in which pigs get either too much milk or where the sow's milk appears to cause a digestive disturbance. The other type, usually associated with unsanitary premises, is caused by a bacterial infection.

Symptoms: The symptoms are those of severe diarrhoea, with depression and lack of appetite. The hair coat is rough, and the hind parts become smeared with liquid feces. Rapid loss of weight follows, with death in from two to ten days. Pigs recovering often remain stunted for a time.

Treatment: A general clean-up and disinfection of the house and pen should be carried out. Where faulty diet is suspected as the cause, start the sow for twenty-four hours; allow plenty of drinking water to which some baking soda or a small quantity of formalin has been added. For the next few days feed the sow only dry whole oats, then gradually return to full feed. Feed the young pigs with small quantities of lime water. I have found small doses of extract of Eucalyptus very helpful. In the bacterial type, small doses of Swine mixed bacterin should be used.

HAD ANSWER READY

A girl met an old flame who had turned her down, and decided to high-tail him. "Sorry," she murmured when the hostess introduced him to her, "I didn't get your name."

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Life's ills are its chief recompense; they develop hidden strength.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Many secrets of religion are not perceived till they be felt, and are not felt but in the day of a great calamity.—Jeremy Taylor.

It is not until we have passed through the furnace that we are made to know how much dross there is in our composition.—Colton.

Adversity has ever been considered the state in which a man most often becomes acquainted with himself, then, especially, being free from fatters.—Samuel Johnson.

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SANDS OF HAZARD

— BY — J. B. RYAN

CHAPTER VI

STORY and Annette Fournier listened tensely to metallic clicks and rasps as the guard struggled to insert the key, and then they heard his voice, plaintive and trembling: "The key will not go into the lock, O Sheikh! The key knows we are here and has jammed the keyhole full of twisted wire or something."

Annette granted, "That is impossible. Where, in those bare cells, would a prisoner obtain a length of wire or any other metal? Give me that key!"

Out of the lock came sounds like the gnawing of a rat. The key rattled. STORY's side of the door wobbled in indication that the Berber was prodding against the obstruction that prevented the door from being opened. But the key of STORY resisted all attempts to dislodge it, and the American grained in the darkness.

Abruptly the scraping sounds were replaced by silence. A flash of intuition told STORY what was about to happen. A quick stride carried him away from the door to the side of Annette. "Get over there!" he muttered in her ear, as far away from the door as you can."

In the darkness he saw the girl move to the cot at the end of the room. He stepped in the opposite direction, placing his back against the wall at the side of the door. Neither Annette nor the guard knew that he was in the cell with Annette.

Hardly had STORY gained his position when the sound of a pistol-shot echoed throughout the prison. The bullet thumped into the door, crashing through the wood and metal about the lock. The offending key flew from its shattered slot, falling to the floor with pieces of splintering wood. More shots followed and the iron lock rocked in its bed, cracking under the blows of the concentrated fire, and with the final shot, became a shattered ruin.

The door creaked, then moved inward under an unseen hand. The light of the lamp in the hall threw a yellow square on the floor of the cell and brought into relief the figure of Annette huddled in the corner against the wall. The swinging door had paused almost at right angles with

the wall, cutting off any view of Jack STORY, who was behind it.

"THERE is the girl, O Spahi," said Ismeddin. "Draw her out."

A shadow fell on the rectangle of light on the floor. As the guard stepped into the cell, the crunch of his boots on the floor was a cover for the soft footfalls of STORY advancing step by step with him in the dark shadows on the other side of the door.

STORY halted when he had reached the end of the door.

The guard almost brushed against him. As the Algerian strode past him, STORY thrust out his foot and hooked his ankle about that of the unsuspecting man.

The guard tripped and sprawled, landing heavily on the floor before the cot of Annette Fournier. Before the fellow could make a move to rise, the girl had driven from the pallet to the floor, landing like a springing tigress on the head and neck of the Spahi.

"By Allah!" came the exasperated snarl of Ismeddin. "Thou art as clumsy as thou art witless! Get up, you cat, and bring out that girl!"

But, for the moment, that was an order impossible for the hapless Spahi to obey. Had Annette landed on his shoulders or his back he could have shaken her off. But the weight of the girl was on the man's head and neck, pinning him to the floor, and any effort to dislodge her placed the soldier in danger of breaking his own neck.

The lighted area of the floor shifted shape, indicating that Ismeddin was lowering the lamp hastily to the floor of the hall. Then the elongated shadow of the tall sheik swept into the cell as the Berber hurried to the assistance of the trapped Spahi, threatening on the floor like a deceptively fast fowl.

Jack STORY gathered himself, and at just the right instant, stepped from the shadow of the door squarely in the path of the angry Arab. The American moved so swiftly that Ismeddin's attention was engaged by the struggling pair at the foot of the cot, was caught completely unawares. The fist of STORY caught the sheik in mid-air, landing precisely on the point of the man's chin, and Ismeddin the Lawless dropped, knocked out before he started to fall.

STORY did not see the Kahiri hit the floor, for he was hurrying to the assistance of Annette who, without prompting, had played the part assigned to her in this drama of desperation. But the French girl required no help.

Like all intelligence agents, Annette Fournier was trained in jujitsu and well able to take care of herself even in a hand-to-hand struggle with a powerful adversary. However, she relaxed her hold when STORY reached her side.

"Are you all right, Annette?" he inquired.

"Just a little bit out of breath, Monsieur Jacques," she smiled, brushing her hair and rearranging it.

"Good," STORY said. He bent down quickly over Ismeddin and started to drag him out of the cell. However, the body of the unconscious Berber. Standing up he draped the cloak about his own shoulders, then placed Annette's hand on his head.

"How do I look?" he asked, his usually pleasant-toned voice as harsh as steel.

"You look like a man of war," said Annette, who had donned the cloak about her shoulders, then placed Annette's hand on his head.

"Think I can pass for the Sheikh el Lawless?" he asked, looking at his reflection in the mirror.

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There was a stir of bodies and a babel of voices as STORY entered the crowded office and instantly he was surrounded by a mill of robed figures. But STORY refused to allow the press to slow his progress toward the door.

"Outside, O Kahiri," he commanded, without breaking his stride, his rasping voice muffled by the folds of the coat against his nose and lips. "Our work is done."

Their own clamor prevented the Berbers from detecting any foreign quality in the voice of their supposed leader. They trooped after STORY as the American marched out of the office, through the remaining hall, and then out into the night-dimmed street.

ONE lone Kahiri was in the street guarding the camels of the Berbers. The Kahiri, anxious for news, surged ahead and grouped themselves about a certain kneeling dromedary and thus unwittingly informed STORY which was the mount of Sheik Ismeddin.

"The foreigner tried to run away," STORY growled. "He is dead—which explains the shooting you heard."

Still holding Annette, he swung himself into the saddle of the camel and found the stirrups with his foot. The dromedaries lunched together, moving down the street. They reached the corner and turned. The choice of direction was such that STORY drew his camel to a halt.

"No!" he rasped. "We do not go that way!"

Surprised faces turned toward the supposed Ismeddin as the Berbers pulled their camels up short. A voice said, "but this is the way you yourself had decided that we were to leave the oasis, O Sheikh—"

STORY cursed under his breath. "Yes, I know, he tried to explain, 'we go this way, as I said. But you, my sons, seem to have forgotten the silver of the foreigners. Must we leave that wealth behind? Go, some of you, to the caravanserai, and secure the silver in the saddle bags of the dead outlaw. I shall meet you outside the wall—"

The last uncompleted sentence fell upon unhearing ears. At the first mention of lost every Berber, anxious to get his hands on his share of the ownerless silver, jerked his dromedary around and bolted toward the town, leaving STORY and Annette alone in the dust-filled street.

CHAPTER VII

ANETTE stirred in STORY's arms. She took a deep breath and raised her head. "Where?" she said, with relief. "I hope I don't have as much trouble getting out of jail next time!"

A sudden exclamation from STORY interrupted her. "The silver!" he ejaculated. "Now that I think of it, the money is not at the caravanserai. Mohammed has it loaded on the baggage-camels outside the gate!"

He grabbed the camel-stick and slapped the dromedary smartly, forcing the beast to break into a run in spite of the narrowness of the street. "Those fellows will be after us as quickly as they can turn around!"

Mohammed ibn Mulai, squatting beside the bound and gagged Lebeau, seized by his feet, and the gate of the dried-mud wall burst open and a camel emerged at full speed and slid to a halt beside him.

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With the girl, STORY followed the gesture of the Arab's hand. Little puffs, like brown smoke, were appearing on the expanse of surrounding sand. "The wind rises, said Mohammed, and the desert is in motion. A sandstorm is brewing."

STORY nodded, and Annette, equally daunted, exclaimed: "Hurry! We must find where Ribott leaves the trail before the sand wipes out the track of the sheik's camels!"

The trail was barely visible through the swirling storm. Already sand was filling the countless tracks of the sheik's camels, and the ground now. This storm will last for hours, and when it clears Ribott's trail will be wiped clean as a slate. We'll never be able to tell when he turns off."

The girl nodded miserably. This storm was to the advantage of anyone wishing to move surreptitiously through the desert.

"Look behind you, said," came the voice of Mohammed.

STORY lowered the cloth of his headgear and quickly saw what had caught the attention of Mohammed.

Through the sulphurous murk moved phantom shapes, figures still distinct enough to be recognized as men on camel-back.

"Lebeau and his soldiers!" said STORY.

But Mohammed, with his shepherd's eyes, shook his head. "No, said he, it is the Kahiri of Ismeddin the Lawless. I can distinguish the Berber gear."

The camel shifted uneasily under STORY, obeying his instinct to keep moving in a sandstorm. "I don't believe they've seen us yet," STORY had to shout to be heard. "We can lose them as soon as the storm increases."

THEY pressed on through that blizzard of sand and gravel, following the obliterated trail as though unaware of the pursuers in their rear, until at last STORY headed his dromedary into the choking cloud between two dissolving dunes. Annette made no protest at this abandoning of the trail. The chance of finding Andre Ribott was gone now, and if they persisted in following the route of Toussaint, the Kahiri would be on their heels with the lifting of the storm.

Hour after hour the storm raged, hammering, beating and riding into apathy bordering on

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GAS RATIONING FACTS

OTTAWA, February — Gasoline for farm trucks will be rationed, but a farmer who does not own a truck will be given an extra allowance for his passenger car according to his proved individual needs, the Munitions and Supply has announced.

Under a new rationing system, which becomes effective on April 1, every non-commercial vehicle will be granted a basic category "AA" ration book containing 40 coupons, which will permit each such vehicle, on the basis of 18 miles to the gallon, and at the present unit value a basic 2,160 mile of driving between April 1 1943, and March 31 1944.

Those who are eligible, and can prove their need of a preferred category, will be allotted a fixed number of extra coupons for their vocational needs during the year ending March 31 1944. These extra coupons will come in books labelled "Special," book, or a portion of a book, will contain a maximum of 60 coupons each. Only one such "Special" book, or portion of a book, will be issued at a time, and hence the case history of each preferred category owner will be under constant review by the Regional Oil Control Office where the extra allowance was obtained.

The new system, unlike that of last year, will call for strict rationing of all commercial vehicles, including farm trucks, within two classes. The first, "Transit," will cover ambulances, buses, taxis, and drive-yourself cars. The second, "Services," will be subdivided into four categories: "General Commercial," "Limited Commercial," "Motorcycle," and "Other Commercial."

Mr. and Mrs. L. Cooley left on Monday by motor for Calgary and also Carstairs, where Mrs. Cooley will visit for a while with her parents.

Mr. Charles Ford son of H. Ford north of town, left last Thursday for Calgary, where he expects to join the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marr are spending a week in Calgary.

Mrs. W. Gallagher and little daughter, Donna Jean who spent the past two months visiting with relatives in Vancouver and Victoria returned Tuesday night, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. George Anderson and little girl, Jeraldine, of Victoria who will visit for a month or two with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milligan.

Mrs. Wilson is spending a few days in town, the guest of Mrs. Hogg.

Mr. Gordon Wilson is a Calgary visitor this week.

Mr. Adam Marr who has been confined to the house for several weeks, owing to having been ill, is able to be out again.

Mrs. McFalls and snail son of Hanna are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbertson.

Mr. G. Ray Robison left on Wednesday night for Calgary, where he will visit with his daughters.

The Ladies Card club met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Nicholson. Honors were shared by Mrs. Nicholson and Miss Florence Barros.

The Club will meet next week at the home of Mrs. L. Robison.



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Land in North China
The average annual rainfall in Shansi province, North China, varies from 14 to 24 inches. Some districts, therefore, have slightly more rainfall than Winnipeg and others about the same as central Saskatchewan. It is an agricultural province, and has been for some 4,000 years. There are about 100 persons per square mile! Surely we can learn some lessons from them.

They have preserved their soils by preventing erosion. This has been largely achieved by very skilful tillage methods developed through generations of experience and, also, by terracing slopes and hillsides. Wheat, oats, cotton, millet and potatoes are the leading crops.

One of the chief factors in the maintenance of fertility has been manure. Every possible scrap of animal excreta, including man's, is worked into the soil.

We have yet to learn that farmyard manure is one of our greatest potential assets. Most of it is wasted. It will certainly play an important part in any soil conservation programme we may undertake, and we should be using it now.

Farmyard manure should be spread on the land while fresh and preferably on land to be fallowed the following summer. If it must be piled, the piles should be high, compact and flat topped.

Some day we may realize the agricultural value of town and city sewage. The chief difficulty in its use has been the large volume of water. At least two towns in England have overcome this by "composting" sewage with other organic wastes. The resulting fertilizer sells for \$2.50 per ton, and the demand greatly exceeds the supply.



NEW Gasoline Rationing Plan Goes into Effect APRIL FIRST

ON MARCH 31 the present gasoline ration licenses and coupons will expire, and no gasoline will be sold except upon the presentation of a 1943-1944 ration book.

In his own interests, every vehicle owner is asked to apply at once for a new gasoline license and ration coupon book for each of his vehicles.

Under the new system, effective April 1, all commercial vehicles will be rationed. All non-commercial vehicles will be granted a basic "AA" gasoline license and ration coupon book, containing 40 coupons for a passenger car, or 16 for a motorcycle. Owners of non-commercial vehicles eligible for a special category, who can prove their need, will be granted an extra vocational allowance, fixed in advance for the year ending March 31, 1944.

The extra allowance for a special category car will be tailored to meet individual needs. In determining this allowance the previous category and mileage of the car will not be considered. Instead the vocational allowance will be based on two factors: (1) The gravity of the oil shortage with which Canada is faced, and (2) the importance of the vehicle to its owner in a country at war.

The extra vocational coupons will be issued in books labelled "Special", and each such book will contain not more than 60 coupons. Only one "Special" book, or portion of such book, will be issued at a time, and hence the case history of each special category applicant will be under constant review.

Under provisions of the rationing order, the Oil Controller will have the right to refuse any application for a special category, or to suspend any ration book for an infraction of the regulations.

Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, must bear on its windshield a sticker indicating its category. After April 1, service station attendants will not be permitted to serve gasoline to a car which does not bear the sticker which corresponds to the ration book submitted at the time of the purchase.

To obtain a gasoline license and ration coupon book, secure an application form at your nearest Post Office. Study the form and follow the instructions contained therein.

When you receive your ration coupon book, guard it carefully. It may not be replaced if, because of your negligence, it is lost or stolen. Do not leave it in your car; keep it on your person at all times.

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